

S-282  
Stevenson House  
Hopewell vicinity  
private

c. 1840

The Stevenson house is a modest, side hall/parlor frame farmhouse originally sheathed with beaded weatherboards. Exterior as well as interior remodelings have removed much of the period fabric. The nearby family cemetery is partially surrounded by a Victorian iron lattice fence. The house is named for Benjamin F. Stevenson (1809-1886) who is buried with his wife, Harriet, in the cemetery plot. Benjamin F. Stevenson is designated on the 1877 county atlas patron list as a mariner who owned forty acres.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-282

Magi No. 2002825404

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Stevenson House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number East side of old Crisfield -Marion Road (MD 667) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hopewell \_\_\_x vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>x</u> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<u>x</u> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>x</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert Ehrlich

street & number Rt. 2 Box 68 telephone no.:

city, town Marion state and zip code Md. 21838

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne. state Md. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Stevenson house, a two-story c. 1840-1850 side hall/parlor frame dwelling, stands on the east side of the Old Crisfield/Marion Road near Hopewell, Somerset County, Maryland. The house faces northwest with the main gable running on a northeast/southwest axis. A Stevenson family cemetery accompanies the house.

The two-story three-bay side hall/parlor house rests on a minimal brick foundation and is uniformly sheathed with asbestos shingles over beaded weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof has flush gable ends and a boxed cornice with bed molding. Extending to the northeast is a contemporary story-and-a-half frame wing, and to the southeast a story-and-a-half wing which appears to have been added more recently.

The northwest (main) elevation of the main block is three bays across with an entrance in the left bay. The front door is a replacement, and a Colonial pedimented surround has been added as decoration. The two adjacent bays are filled with six over six sash windows, while the second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced windows. The former interior end brick chimney has been leveled off at roof height.

The northeast gable end is largely covered by the story-and-a-half wing which is lighted on the first floor by two 6/6 sash windows. The second floor knee wall is pierced by small single-pane replacement windows. An interior end brick chimney rises from the gable end. A pair of windows flank the chimney on the north end.

The rear story-and-a-half wing is similarly built three-bay by one room addition with 6/6 sash windows on the first floor and smaller windows that light the loft. A shed addition stretches across the south side, and a brick stove stack rises from the gable end.

The interior was not seen, but it was described as being thoroughly remodeled.

The Stevenson family cemetery is located to the west of the house and is distinguished by several old boxwood. A decorative iron fence with iron lattice panels and corner posts with molded finials surrounds a pair of markers. The others are just scattered around the immediate area.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Stevenson house is a modest sized antebellum frame farmhouse originally sheathed with beaded weatherboards. Exterior and interior remodelings have removed much of the interesting c. 1840–1850 detail. The Victorian cemetery fence is one of only a few to survive on private lots in lower Somerset County.

### History and Support

The house is located on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Somerset County atlas under the name of B.F. Stevenson, who is buried with his wife Harriet in the cemetery. Benjamin was born in 1809 and died in 1886. Benjamin F. Stevenson is listed on the atlas patron list as a mariner who owned forty acres.

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West Elevation

4/85, Paul Touart, Photographer

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Stevenson Cemetery

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